I CLAIM:

1. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end;

a first resilient member located at said distal end and forming a first resting surface for said device; and

a second resilient member located at said proximal end and forming a second resting surface for said device.

2. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein an upper surface of the body includes a light transmissive visual indicator, and wherein the body is contoured to comfortably fit into the hand of the user.

3. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein a lower portion of the body includes a trigger.

4. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein said body includes a housing having separable body portions.

5. The optical scanner as specified in claim 4 wherein a ridge is formed on the first resilient member forming a first rest stand.

6. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 5 wherein said ridge forming the first rest stand is at the distal end of said body.

7. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 5 wherein said body has a handle on which the second resilient member is mounted, the second resilient member having a further ridge forming a second rest stand for use in cooperation with said first rest stand.

8. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 1 wherein an upper surface of said body includes an acoustic outlet.

9. The optical scanning device as specified in claim1 wherein said second resilient member forms an eyelet.

10. The optical scanning device as specified in claim 9 wherein the eyelet extends orthogonal to a lengthwise direction of the body.

11. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to optically scan remote objects located in a direction which is outward from the distal end; and

a first resilient member located at said distal end and including a spacer which limits a distance between the optical scanner and a surface of one of the objects placed against the device to be scanned.

12. The device as defined in claim 11, wherein the spacer is a rubberized lip.

13. The device as defined in claim 12, wherein the rubberized lip is disposed along a lower edge of the first resilient member.

14. The device as defined in claim 11, wherein the scanner is a bar code reader.

15. The device as defined in claim 14, wherein the bar code reader is a laser scanning bar code reader.

16. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end; and

a resilient member located at one of said ends and forming an eyelet for supporting said device.

17. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:

a body having a distal end and a proximal end, adapted to be held in a hand of a user by the body being gripped between the distal and proximal ends, and having an optical scanner disposed therein and arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from the distal end; and

a resilient member located at one of said ends and forming a hook for supporting said device.

18. A hand-held electro-optical reader, comprising:

a housing extending between opposite end regions, and having a handle for holding the housing;

a scanner within the housing, for scanning indicia to be read on targets exteriorly of the housing; and

a support component at one of the end regions of the housing, the support component having a support surface for supporting the housing on a generally planar support when not scanning, and the support component having a suspension portion for optionally suspending the housing from a support projection when not scanning.